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National Marine Fisheries Service U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Federal Agencies Caucus Comment Records C/O Bonneville Power Administration - PL 707 W. Main St., Suite 500 Spokane. WA 99201

Subject: Comment on lower Snake River dam removal.

Dear NMFS and U.S. Army Corps:

The evidence in the record and NMFS' scientific review correctly finds that only dam removal can restore Snake Basin salmon to health numbers and fulfill treaty obligations.

The Corps exaggerates the costs of dam removal by ignoring the huge expense of dam retention and salmon extinction. Extinction must not be an option. Recovery efforts must begin immediately as these fish are already dangerously close to extinction.

We recommend that you remove the four lower Snake River dams to save endangered salmon species.

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Sincerely,

For Coast Action Group